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- 1. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED FROM GOC MILITARY XEROX COPY OF FIVE-PAGE FARC PAMPHLET ENTITLED "COMBATIENDO" WHICH CARRIES THE STATEMENT ON STARR THAT WAS PICKED UP BY LOCAL MEDIA (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). ALTHOUGH THE PAMPHLET ATTRACTED PUBLIC ATTENTION ONLY LAST WEEK, IT BEARS DATE OF SEPTEMBER 7, WHICH WAS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MAJOR FARC COMMUNIQUE ON STARR WAS DISSEMINATED (BOGOTA 8910).
- 2. PAMPHLET DISCUSSES VARIETY OF POLITICAL ISSUES IN FAMILIAR PROPAGANDISTIC TERMS. IT MAKES ONLY BRIEF MENTION OF STARR AND FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THAT PORTION.
- 3. BEGIN TEXT. OUR BACKING IS BASED ON FLESH-AND-BLOOD QUERRILLAS, ON RIFLES MARKED "MADE IN USA" TAKEN AWAY FROM THE REGULAR ARMY IN COMBAT, ON EVER-WAKEFUL REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE IN DEFENSE OF ORGANIZED WORKERS, ON ACTIONS REJECTING THE YANKEE IMPERIALIST PRESENCE ON THE SOIL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR FATHERLAND. THERE IS A TIMELY DEMONSTRATION OF THIS IN THE CASE OF RICHARD STARR, THE NORTHAMERICAN FUNCTIONARY WHO WAS CAPTURED BY THE GUERRILLAS IN THE SIERRA DE LA MACARENA WHEN HE WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE WORK AND IN THE PLUNDERING OF THE NATION'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND WHOSE FATE, IT CAN BE SAID IN PASSING, DEPENDS ON THE PRUDENCE AND GOOD JUDGEMENT WITH WHICH THE US EMBASSY AND THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HANDLE

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